



October 20, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 06-74**

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your approval of the AT&T-BellSouth merger. As President of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, I am keenly aware of the valuable contributions that BellSouth makes to the community. We at the Chamber are very confident that a merger with a well respected firm like AT&T can have very positive outcomes for the business community and the consumer in general.

We have reviewed the provisions that AT&T is willing to make and feel that they have more than adequately addressed any concerns that either consumers or competitive telecommunications firms may have. We are uniquely aware of the contributions that both of these firms make in providing broadband access to everyone, high quality customer service and best in class technologies to its customers. We urge your speedy approval of this merger.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonardo McClarty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leonardo McClarty  
President – DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce

cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary

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